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Invention: DISTRACTABLE CORPECTOMY DEVICE

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AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

In response to the Official Action mailed April 9, 2002, in which claims 1-15, and 18-26 were rejected, and claims 27-33 were allowed, Applicants submit the following amendments and remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS

CLEAN COPY OF AMENDED CLAIMS:

4. (Thrice Amended) The corpectomy device of claim 41 wherein said locking clip and said second member includes interengaging threads for locking said first member and said second member in a relative axial position with respect to one another, said locking clip being rotatably mounted on said first member for rotation into and out of engagement with said threads.

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